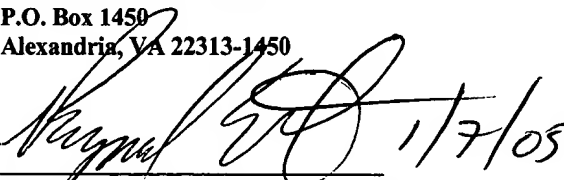


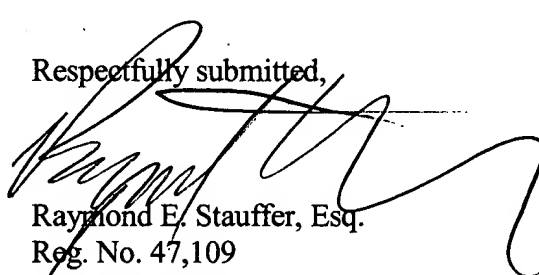
REMARKS

This *Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment* effects the following changes to Applicants' *Response to Final Rejection* dated November 24, 2004 (which *Response to Final Rejection* was filed with an RCE): the "amended" status identifier used in claims 15, 17, and 19-22 has been changed to "Currently amended;" the "cancelled" status identifier used in claims 1-14 and 23-30 has been changed to "Canceled;" the "previously-presented" status identifier used in claims 16 and 18 has been changed to "Previously presented;" and the "new" status identifier used in claims 31-34 has been changed to "New." No other changes to Applicants' *Response to Final Rejection* dated November 24, 2004 are hereby effected. As Applicants' *Response to Final Rejection* dated November 24, 2004 is hereby made compliant with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 in all respects, the Examiner's prompt consideration of Applicants' *Response to Final Rejection* dated November 24, 2004, in its entirety, is requested.

It is believed that no fee is due. However, if any fee is due it should be charged to Deposit Account No.: 03-0678.

<u>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</u>	
Deposit Date: <u>January 7, 2005</u>	
I hereby certify that this paper and the attachments hereto are being deposited today with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail to Addressee, under 37 CFR 1.8, on the date indicated above addressed to:	
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